

**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

Members present: Richard LeClair (Chair), Richard Antonelli, Linda Bryan, Fred Trapassi, Jim McNulty, Maxine Heywood, George O'Toole, Esther Picon, Sandra DelSesto, Anne Mulready, Brian Sullivan, Cherie Cruz, and Sarah Dinklage

Appointed members present: David Spencer (CEO of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Leadership Council of Rhode Island); Megan Clingham (MHA)

Ex-officio members present: Ruth Anne Dougherty (DCYF); Denise Achin (DOE); Jennifer Koziol, Jeffrey Hill, Colleen Polselli (DOH); Sharon Kernan, John Andrews, Jason Lyon (EOHHS); Corinna Roy, Dan Fitzgerald, Michelle Brophy, Linda Barovier (BHDDH), Ruth Anne Dougherty, Chris Strnad (DCYF)

Guests: Stephanie Wilmot (PSNRI); Nicole Hebert (RIPIN); Rena Sheehan (BCBSRI); Elizabeth Conley (Anchor Learning Academy); Ruth Feder (MHA.RI); Sarah Martino (Center for Prisoner Health & Human Rights-Miriam Hospital); Susan Jacobsen (Thundermist); Tina Spears; Judith Savage; Sam Marullo, Keshar Poddar, Meredith Curran (Governor's Office)

Staff: Jim Dealy

Review of minutes (Rich Leclerc): Introductions were made of all attendees. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes presented. There were no comments or revisions. A Motion was made for acceptance and passed.

Committee Reports:

Healthy Transitions Committee (Anne Mulready): This Committee has been meeting for approximately one year. Our goal is to provide solid input into the Healthy Transition Grant's Financial Report which will be the state's plan for how it will meet the needs of transitioning youth beyond the life of the grant. Data for the Report is still being collected. The Youth who have enrolled for Healthy Transitions services report being excited about the employment and education support that is being provided.

Prevention Advisory Committee (Sandra Delsesto): The Prevention Committee is focusing on a number efforts. The first is strategic planning. We are hopeful that within the next few months we will have a final product for presentation to the Council. Our next strategic planning group meeting is December 3rd. In addition to working on strategic planning, the PAC will also be identifying legislative priorities from a prevention perspective. Also, the Evidence-Based Work Group of the Prevention Advisory Committee met last week. It is examining programming at different levels of rigor. It has identified three levels whose criteria may be used in making decisions to fund programs. The first level, inclusion in national registries of Evidence Based Practice, and the second, inclusion in peer-reviewed journals, are fairly clear cut. What the EB Workgroup is working on now are criteria for selecting practices that appear to work well, but that are too new or too specific to a given population to have been included in peer-reviewed journals or national EBP registries. While at this point, the PAC is focusing on EBPs for prevention, its work can be used to inform treatment and recovery programs, as well. When the EBP Workgroup completes its study, it will send the study out to a list of subject matter experts for comment. Once that is done, the PAC will present its study to the Council, also.

Truven Study (Corinna Roy): (See presentation attached to minutes)

The “Truven Study” is actually titled the Rhode Island Behavioral Healthcare Study. The purpose of this Study was to look at what the supply/demand and cost of the behavioral healthcare services are in this State – not just publicly funded but across the board. The state contracted through an RFP process with Truven Health Analytics, a company from Michigan that has a great deal of experience working with Federal and State governments on these issues. There was a great deal of population-based data (survey data that looks at the national/state/regional as a whole) to add to our utilization data. From all of the available data sources, Truven looked at demand/cost/supply of behavioral health services with the aim of developing policy solutions.

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Overdose Prevention Grant (Jennifer Koziol): (See presentation attached to minutes)

Update from BHDDH (Michelle Brophy):

Update from EOHHS (Deb Florio):

Update from DCYF (Chris Strnad):

Old/New Business (Rich Leclerc):

The meeting was adjourned by vote of the members.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 10, 2015, 8:30 A.M.

Barry Hall

Conference Room 126

14 Harrington Road, Cranston, RI 02920

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